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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6389

BILL NUMBER: HB 1393

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 4, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Firefighter Certification Test Sites.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heuer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education (BFPSE) to require a candidate for mandatory, basic, firefighter I, or firefighter II certification to take the certification test by computer instead of taking the test on paper, if the BFPSE requires at least one computer testing location in each county.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The impact of this provision on state expenditures is indeterminable and would depend on future action taken by the state Department of Homeland Security's BFPSE (See also *Explanation of Local Expenditures*).

Background:

Ivy Tech State College Testing Centers- Costs for computer testing could be mitigated in those counties that have an Ivy Tech State College workforce certification center. There are currently 25 counties in which Ivy Tech has a certification center. Ivy Tech offers computer testing to candidates for EMT certification at their centers. Ivy Tech currently charges \$15 for a computer-based EMT certification test.

Firefighting Candidates- The four firefighting certifications that could be required to have computer-based testing are Mandatory Training, Basic Firefighter, Firefighter I, and Firefighter II. There were 5,318 certifications awarded in those four categories during CY 2009.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Any impact to local expenditures would be determined by the Education Board's decision to require testing locations in future years. Whether the cost would be borne by the state or by counties is unknown and would depend on future legislative or administrative action.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security; Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: Mara Snyder, Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security; *Department of Homeland Security Annual Report 2009*; Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education: *Minutes August 9, 2010*; Ivy Tech State College.

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